

20th Support Command (CBRNE) welcomes first CSM

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The newly formed U.S. Army 20th Support Command (CBRNE) held a ceremony to welcome its first command sergeant major in a ceremony held at the Edgewood Conference Center April 15.

Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin W. Womack Sr. came to Aberdeen Proving Ground from the 801st Brigade Support Battalion in Fort Campbell, Ky., where he served as that organization's command sergeant major.

Brig. Gen. Walter L. Davis, commander of the 20th Support Command, welcomed Womack and recognized him as a Soldier who brings a wealth of operational training experience and needed experience as a leader of Soldiers for a new organization.

"It is clear that he is not afraid of a tough job or change, and I believe his experience as first sergeant, sergeant major and battalion command sergeant major provide the foundation of excellence within our command," Davis said.

When Davis interviewed him, he stated he had found three things he considered important in a command sergeant major.

"First, he is unafraid of change and had already served as command sergeant major of transforming maintenance support battalions almost as big as our entire command, one of which is just returning from combat," Davis said. "It's a very large and complex transformation for our headquarters and the growth that we'll experience shouldn't be much of a challenge to him after all he has done.

"Second, he is unafraid of organizations with an enormous installation challenge like the organization we have here now and the organizations we are getting ready to start in the near future throughout CONUS," Davis said.

"Third, he said 'I'm your guy; I'm the command sergeant major your organization needs.'

"That was enough for me," Davis said.

"It's like a dream come true" Womack said, as he addressed the ceremony attendees and talked about his new position. "I am honored, humbled and unable to hide my feeling of pride as I assume the duties and responsibilities as your command sergeant major."

Womack entered the U.S. Army in 1975 completing Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Knox, Ky., as a track vehicle mechanic. He served in a variety of units and locations in his career to include two tours as a drill sergeant, two tours in Korea, Operation Desert Shield/Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“Taking care of Soldiers and their families is my top priority,” Womack said. “I will provide outstanding leadership, set the example, lead from the front, and always ensure Soldiers in our command are trained and ready to fight. This command must always be ready to deploy at a moment’s notice.”

Womack holds a bachelor’s degree in electronics engineering and technology from Cleveland Institution of Electronics, Cleveland, Ohio.

Activated last October at APG, the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) is a FORSCOM major subordinate command and brings together command and control of the Army’s most specialized weapons of mass destruction operational assets. The new organization provides a single point of contact within the Army for the Department of Defense to call when a coordinated response to the threat or use of WMD is needed anywhere in the world.